

REMARKS

Claims 54-99 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, new claims 54-99 are added and claims 1-53 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

Claims 1-17, 28-40, 43, 44 and 51-53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Lee (U.S. Patent No. 6,064,856) in view of Ho (U.S. Patent No. 6,398,556). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 54-91

Neither Lee nor Ho, individually or in combination, discloses or suggests a terminal for a first manager which is connected to a server and which is operated by a first manager who manages an education training course, a terminal for a trainee which is connected to the server and on which specified education training that is based on said education training course for a specified trainee is carried out by communicating with the server, and a terminal for a second manager which is connected to the server and which is operated by a second manager who manages the specified education training for the specified trainee, wherein the terminal for a second manager is capable of sending identification information showing an authority for managing the specified education training for the specified trainee to the server, and wherein the server carries out management of the specified education training for the specified trainee based on an operation from the terminal for a second manager by receiving the identification information from the terminal for a second manager, as recited in independent claim 54, and similarly recited in independent claims 62, 70, 78, 82 and 87.

Lee, at Fig. 1, discloses a workstation 10 to be used by a student and a workstation 40 to be used by a teacher. Lee does not disclose restricting the information of the student that is managed by an operation from the teacher workstation to a specified student. Specifically, Lee does not disclose or suggest the above noted features of the claims.

Ho does not make up for the above noted deficiencies of Lee. Ho discloses a computer-aided learning method apparatus for a learning user to learn materials inexpensively. See, Abstract of Ho. Specifically, Ho discloses in Fig. 2 and in the disclosure that information tracked can be provided to the updater 214 to update information regarding the user. This user profile can be updated by such information such as, for example, if he is strong in fixing engines, such information is stored in his user profile. In another example, institute users are allowed to access such information. A determinator 204 can allow access to information regarding a learning user by using a query engine 212 to query information regarding the learning user. See col. 6, line 54 to col. 7, line 8. Accordingly, Ho does not disclose or suggest the above noted features of the claims.

Accordingly, claims 54, 62, 70, 78, 82 and 87 define patentable subject matter. Claims 55-61, 63-69, 71-77, 79-81, 83-86 and 88-91 depend from the respective independent claims, and therefore also define patentable subject matter.

Additional Comments on Claims 54-61, 62-69 and 70-77

These claims recite that the server receives identification information showing an authority for managing specified education information showing an authority for managing specified education training for a specified trainee from the terminal for a second manager, thereby carrying out management of the specified education training for a specified student based on an operation from the terminal for a second manager. In other words, management of education training of a specified student by a person who does not have authority to manage

the specified education training for the specified trainee does not occur. Neither Lee nor Ho discloses or suggests the above noted features of the claims.

Claim 92 and 93

Neither Lee nor Ho, individually or in combination, discloses or suggests wherein the terminal for a first manager sends change information of said education training course input from the terminal for a first manager to the server, and

wherein the server changes content of the specified education training for the specified trainee based on change information of the education training course received from the terminal for a first manager and based on the information relating to a lecture history of the specified trainee received from the terminal for a trainee, as recited in independent claim 92, and similarly recited in independent claim 93. It is respectfully submitted that neither Lee nor Ho discloses or suggests that a change in education training is carried out for each trainee based on information relating to the lecture history for each trainee.

Claims 94 and 95

Neither Lee nor Ho, individually or in combination, discloses or suggests the server analyzes attractiveness of the education training based on said test results received from said terminal for a trainee, as recited in independent claim 94, and similarly recited in independent claim 95. It is respectfully submitted that neither Lee nor Ho discloses or suggests an analysis of the attractiveness of education training is carried out.

Claims 96-99

Neither Lee nor Ho, individually or in combination, discloses or suggests when a lecture period of said education training of said trainee exceeds a prescribed period, said server sends an extension notification indicating that said prescribed period has

been exceeded to said terminal for a trainee, as recited in independent claim 96, as similarly recited in independent claim 98. It is respectfully submitted that neither Lee nor Ho discloses or suggests an extension notification is issued indicating that a lecture period of the education training has exceeded a prescribed period. Accordingly, claims 96 and 98 define patentable subject matter. Claims 97 and 99 depend from the respective independent claims, and therefore also define patentable subject matter.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claim 54-99 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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